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The House met at 9 a.m. and was called to order by the Speaker.

PRAYER

The Chaplain, the Reverend Patrick J. Conroy, offered the following prayer: We give You thanks, O God, for giving us another day.

With renewed inspirations, we commend to You the Members of Congress, the President, his Cabinet, and all who struggle to lead Your people. May they acknowledge Your sovereignty over all events and times.

Renew America in confident faith and deepen our commitment to seek peace—help us to work together when confronting those whom we find it difficult to trust, but with whom we must try to forge a common future of security and prosperity.

In all, inspire the Members of this people's House with Your spirit, that all might seek to find first areas of agreement, where possible, and openness to honest exchange where it is not.

May all that is done within the people's House be for Your greater honor and glory.

Amen.

THE JOURNAL

The SPEAKER. The Chair has examined the Journal of the last day's proceedings and announces to the House his approval thereof.

Pursuant to clause 1, rule I, the Journal stands approved.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

The SPEAKER. Will the gentleman from Arkansas (Mr. CRAWFORD) come forward and lead the House in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mr. CRAWFORD led the Pledge of Allegiance as follows:

I pledge allegiance to the Flag of the United States of America, and to the Repub-

lic for which it stands, one nation under God, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE SPEAKER

The SPEAKER. The Chair will entertain up to five requests for 1-minute speeches on each side of the aisle.

PLANNED PARENTHOOD MUST ANSWER FOR ORGAN HARVESTING

(Mr. HULTGREN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HULTGREN. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to deplore the deeply disturbing actions of Planned Parenthood, which has no reservations about using macabre tactics to harvest the lungs, livers, heads, and hearts of aborted babies.

This week, a video investigation caught the organization's senior director of medical services eagerly promoting the harvesting of such body parts, purportedly for medical research. The director said she holds a daily huddle to determine how best to obtain them from unborn children scheduled for abortion. Callously discussing a menu of aborted body parts over lunch and red wine demonstrates a new level of depravity.

Planned Parenthood's damage control fails to answer two basic questions: Have their affiliates done "better than break even" and profited from the sale of baby body parts? And under what medical, ethical, or legal code is it okay to choose a particular abortion method to preserve particular organs for harvesting?

Nothing can erase what was caught on tape. Trafficking in human body parts is a Federal offense. Planned Parenthood receives over half a billion in taxpayer dollars every year.

I am calling for a stop to their inhumane practices and support the re-

newed congressional investigation into the organization.

BEST WISHES TO PRESIDENT GEORGE H.W. BUSH

(Mr. AL GREEN of Texas asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. AL GREEN of Texas. Mr. Speaker, when I was first elected to office, I had the preeminent privilege of meeting with a President of the United States of America. It was one of the most rewarding and gratifying meetings that I have had.

At that meeting, we talked about many things. One of the things that I walked away from the meeting with was a sense and spirit of bipartisanship and how important it was to be able to work with people across lines.

I am honored to tell you that that President was George Bush 41. I understand that he has suffered an injury. I want him, his family, and all to know that I will keep them in my prayers as they move forward. He recently celebrated a birthday, and I wish him many, many more birthdays.

God bless you, President Bush, and God bless the United States of America.

HONORING MARVIN "BUTCH" BADEN

(Mr. CRAWFORD asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CRAWFORD. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in honor of Marvin "Butch" Baden.

Butch began his career in the U.S. rice industry in 1958 as an "office errand boy" at Riceland Foods. He has served in many capacities since that time, including his current role as senior vice president of rice sales at Producers Rice Mill.

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